

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6839
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INTRODUCTION OF DE-INKING PLANTS IN NEWSPRINT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether de-inking plants have been introduced in some of the newsprint factories in the country,
- (b) if so, the details thereof,
- (c) the details of capacity of such plants introduced in Hindustan Newsprint Limited, Vellon and Kottayam, Kerala alongwith advantageous, outcome an increase of efficiency by the commissioning of such plants;
- (d) whether the Government are encouraging more newsprint production in the country,
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith production , domestic demand, import and export during last three years, year-wise,
- (f) whether import has seriously affected our domestic production, and
- (g) if so, the details thereof along with the duty structure of newsprint.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b) Newsprint is a delicensed industry subject to locational policy. The details of the Mills manufacturing newsprint which have installed de-inking plants are not centrally maintained.

(c) The capacity of de-inking plant of M/s. Hindustan Newsprint Ltd. Commissioned on 11.12.2002 is 100 tonnes per day. On stabilisation, the plant is expected to result in substitution of about 33,000 metric tonne of the virgin pulp, thereby freeing dependence on 1500 hectares of forest land per year; environmental improvements; and increase in the production of the newsprint by about 5% and employment opportunities in the field of collection of waste paper.

(d) Yes, Sir. Government has taken a number of steps to increase newsprint production which include

(i) delicensing of newsprint industry;

(ii) the newsprint manufactured by the mills included included in Schedule-I to the Newsprint Control Order, 1962 has been exempted from excise duty.

(e),(f) & (g) Year-wise details of production, domestic demand, import and export during last three years is as under :-

(in Lakh Metric tonne)

Year	Production	Domestic Demand	Import	Export
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2000-2001	6.34	10.7	4.42	0.11
2001-2002	6.20	10.6	4.44	0.11
2002-2003	5.61	4.58	0.053	

(upto Feb.`03)

(up to Jan.`03) (upto Dec.2002)

Customs Duty applicable on import of Newsprint is 5%.